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• (U) Embassy Nairobi consular officer confirmed that the 7 Nairobi-based Amcit journalists who were evacuated from Kigali arrived safely in Nairobi April 14. Nairobi consular officer spoke with some of the journalists, who provided descriptions of grim and gory scenes in Kigali. An Embassy Nairobi military officer who was at the airport awaiting the arrival of the journalists evacuees ran into three other Amcit journalists who were trying to find a ride to Kigali. He was able to convince them not to go. (TF/Embassy Nairobi telcon)

• (C) The ICRC in Geneva reported serious security problems inside Kigali on April 14, including the killing of six wounded Rwandans who were being taken by ICRC expat delegates for medical care. ICRC's 26 delegates remain in Rwanda, though they have been forced to temporarily suspend food distribution and collection of the wounded for medical care in Kigali. ICRC also reported heavy fighting in Bughesera province, Kibuye and northwest of Butare. (Geneva 3543).

• (C) Security Council (SC) debate April 14 on the future of UNAMIR was inconclusive. We have instructed USUN that the first priority for the SC now is to instruct the Secretary General to implement an orderly withdrawal of all UNAMIR forces from Rwanda. We do not believe a SC resolution is needed to implement this withdrawal, as the Secretary General has the authority to order a withdrawal under these circumstances. (State 99440)

• (C) Embassy Brussels reports that the Belgian government has asked us to provide our best estimates on the number of Amcits and number of expats in Burundi. (TF/Embassy Brussels telcon).

• (U) Embassy Bujumbura reports that all was quiet overnight in Bujumbura. No gunfire was heard in the city and there are no reports of unrest in the countryside. (TF/Embassy Bujumbura telcon)

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